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WOODWORTH COUNCIL.

Council met at Ralston on Jan. 12th.

Members of Council as follows took declaration of office:

Reeve, W. J. Helliwell.

Councillors: Jno. Bond, Samuel English, Thos. Frame, Archd. Steven, Peter Leask and James Goe.

Application for office of Assessor, were read from Messrs. Kent, Grey, Levin and Brandon.

Frame—English—That Sidney Kent be assessor for 1886, at a salary of 100.

Amendment by Stevens and Goe. That Thos. Frame be assessor at a salary of \$75.00. Amendment carried.

Accounts for holding the election in the different wards were passed.

Frame—English—That the clerk notify Mr. McLeod that he will be required to pay his taxes, as the council has not accepted or opened a deviation of road across his place.

Leask—Bond—That the Reeve be instructed to take steps to have the roads to Oak Lake and Griswold surveyed and located. Carried.

Frame—Goe—That the clerk be instructed to get one hundred and fifty copies of herd law by law printed, and posted in the different post offices and otherwise distributed. Carried.

The following by-laws were passed:

No. 1 to remit certain taxes.

No. 2 to appoint an assessor.

No. 3 to borrow \$1500.

No. 4 to enact herd law from May 20th to December 13th.

Council adjourned.

T. R. Todd, Clerk.

MUNICIPALITY OF ELTON.

1st meeting of Council, 1886.

Present—Reeve Taylor, and Councillors: Pentland, Reid, Carswell, Faint, and Tomlinson.

Mr. Martin Richard was heard on the destruction of his coop by prairie fire.

Reid—Carswell—That the taxes of Martin L. Richard for the year 1885, be remitted, less special school tax. Carried.

Mr. Jas. Hoey asked that money collected for statute labor in his road division be expended on bridge between secs. 23 and 24, tp. 11, r. 18.

Pentland—Carswell—That all money collected for statute labor in road division No. 6, for the year 1884-5 on or before 1st March 1886, be paid to J. Hoey, for the purpose of paying plank for bridge between secs. 23 and 24, tp. 11, r. 18. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Clifford Spence, asking to be appointed collector.

From W. A. MacDonald, re municipal indebtedness to District Board.

From N. Dickie, stating that the Council of N. Cypress would not sell Kirby's Creek Bridge.

From Alex. Hume, Geo. Davidson and M. Muttie, applying for the assessorship.

From J. C. Miller, offering his services as clerk. They were not accepted.

MOTIONS.

Pentland—Faint—That the following accounts be paid:

Thos. N. van, repairing culvert..... \$2.00

Secy-treas. balance salary..... 75.00

Returning Officer, election expenses..... 24.40

Carried.

Reid—Tomlinson—That the clerk's statement of receipts and expenditures posted in his office prior to nomination be not printed. Carried.

Reid—Tomlinson—That the assessor, pay W. J. D. Board \$1,500 on account. Carried.

Reid—Pentland—That the Council authorize W. J. D. Board to sell after 1st of April 1886, all land in arrears of taxes in the Municipality of Elton, provided said land be the full amount of taxes. Said sale to be held in the city of Brandon. Carried.

Pentland—Carswell—That the Clerk be instructed to pay all moneys due school districts, according to statute. Carried.

Carswell—Pentland—That the secy-treas. be instructed to have 100 copies of the Auditor's report printed as soon as received. Carried.

Adjourned to the 15th April, as a court of revision.

WHITEHEAD COUNCIL.

The Council of Whitehead Municipality met at Alexander, Jan. 12, 1886.

Reeve Hall, in the chair, Councillors J. C. Valens, Geo. Chesley, Jos. Haig, C. W. Speers, John Craighead, and W. Peacock.

The standing committees for the year were appointed: Finance, Haig, Craighead and Chesley; public works and property, Speers, Peacock and Valens; by-laws, printing and contingencies, Valens, Craighead and Haig.

Moved by Councillor Valens, seconded Chesley, that W. D. Braith be appointed assessor for 1886 for the sum of \$50, provided he will guarantee satisfaction. Carried.

Speers—Haig—That the services of Geo. Armstrong be retained as secretary-treasurer of the municipality at same salary as last year. Carried.

Haig—Speers—That the pound keepers for the respective wards be as follows: ward 1, Jas. Bremner; 2, A. G. M. Leask; 3, John Bell; 4, Jacob Seimken; 5, A. T. Speers; 6, Henry Tomlinson. Carried.

Speers—Haig—That the following be appointed as appraisers for their respective wards:

Ward 1, W. Hunter and Thos. Heston;

2, John Heston and F. Reynolds;

3, Thos. Delbert and D. B. McMillan;

4, Wm. Elliott and Jas. Scott;

5, E. S. D. Gustin and Thos. Garth;

6, Thos. Smith and J. G. Yeomans.

—Carried.

Chesley—Haig—That the following accounts as recommended by the finance committee be paid:

Geo. Armstrong, returning officer..... \$35.45

Jas. Bremner, deputy returning officer..... 10.40

J. G. Yeomans..... 5.00

Speers—Chesley—That the Reeve and secretary be instructed to negotiate a loan for the sum of \$500 to meet current expenses and pay balance on former loan now due. Carried.

Haig—Speers—That the amount of Jas. Moore's taxes - \$9.21, and that amount of \$26.22 arrears for 1883, against James Moore be cancelled, and a by-law prepared to be passed at next meeting cancelling same. Carried.

Speers—Peacock—That the district auditor be requested to audit the books within one month from date and that in the opinion of the Council we will dispense with the services of local auditors. Carried.

Peacock—Speers—That a bill be paid \$10.20 balance due him on printing voters' lists after deducting \$4.80 for blank page on same. Carried.

Valens—Chesley—That this Council accept Alex. Neilly's taxes, less the discount \$1.60, as he did not receive his tax notice, same having gone to wrong office. Said cancellation to be included in by-law to be passed at next meeting. Carried.

Speers—Haig—That the fees and rates for Councillors for the year 1886 be the same as for 1885. Carried.

Following by-laws having received three readings were duly passed:

By law No. 4, appointing assessors.

" " 41, " Secy-treas.

" " 42, " herd law.

" " 43, appointing pound-keepers and appraisers.

" " 44, loan from Imperial Bank, \$500.

Adjourned to meet March 20th.

GLENDOW COUNCIL.

Council met Jan. 12th 1886.

The following being duly elected, were sworn in, viz:

J. N. Kirchhoffer, Reeve.

Councillors: Geo. Kerr, A. Fenwick, W. Smith, Jas. McPherson, H. H. McCulloch and Geo. Brown.

Communications from the following persons applied for the office of assessor:

H. Liston, A. Turner, T. Garveth, A. Lovatt, T. Lockhart, W. Sanderson, A. McLeod, W. A. Dolmage, and J. A. Ovas for the office of Treasurer, and J. Sharmar and J. Dolmage, for the office of Secy-treas.

From T. M. Delyre, Sharmar, suit.

From D. Sutherland applying for money due Beresford Sch of District.

From E. J. Reid and J. H. Cook, protesting against H. H. McCulloch taking his seat as Councillor.

MOTIONS.

McCulloch—Smith—That the salary for assessor for 1886 be placed at \$50.00. Carried.

Fenwick—McPherson—That A. Lovatt be appointed assessor for 1886. Carried.

Smith—Kerr—That J. A. Ovas be Treasurer for 1886 at a salary of \$80.00. Carried.

Fenwick—McCulloch—That J. Dolmage be appointed clerk for 1886 at a salary of \$100.00. Carried.

Smith—McCulloch—That A. J. Jamson be appointed auditor for 1886 at a salary of \$25.00. Carried.

H. Liston was appointed by the Reeve.

Kerr—McCulloch—That the Council do towards the building of a culvert between secs. 2, tp. 8, and 85, tp. 7, r. 20, 450 feet of lumber and 10 lbs. 4 inch nails. Carried.

Fenwick—Brown—That by law No. 69, regulating statute labor be confirmed as the statute law by-law for this municipality until rescinded. Carried.

Kerr—Fenwick—That the following accounts be paid:

J. Dolmage, election expenses..... \$50.50

D. Sutherland Beresford S. D. 180.00

A. Fenwick Riverside " 152.00

Daly & Goodwell, costs Sharmar man suit..... 26.40

Carried.

Fenwick—McCulloch—That the clerk pay each of the res. active school districts moneys as they become due. Carried.

Kerr—Fenwick—That a committee composed of Wm. Smith, G. Brown and K. Kerr be authorized to make arrangements for the removal of the South bridge and Ferry. Carried.

By-law No. 50, to renew note due the Imperial Bank.

By-law No. 81, appointing the Assessor.

" " 82, " " auditor.

Passed and signed.

Adjourned to meet 20th March.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Mr. Alexander Cart of Grand has been elected Reeve of Argyle, by a majority of 5 over Mr. Leslie.

Reeve Burnett, of Milford, was in town last week.

THE BIBLE CLASS UNION.

The members of the Bible Class in connection with the Methodist Church in Brandon, had a very pleasant reunion together with their friends and supporters of the Church, on Tuesday evening last. After a little time occupied in mutual greetings, the chair was taken by Mr. A. M. Peterson, who is the conductor of this class. A short address was delivered, followed by a choice and varied programme of music, singing and readings. The Rev. J. W. Sutton, who was expected to be present and to give an address, was unavoidably absent.

PROGRAMME.

Piano Solo..... Miss R. MacDonald.

Reading..... Mr. V. Bowman.

Address..... Miss B. Parrish.

Song..... Mr. J. B. Robinson.

Reading..... Mr. D. H. Cooper.

Essay..... Mrs. Heston.

Recitation..... Miss R. MacDonald.

Reading..... Miss R. MacDonald.

Duet..... Miss R. MacDonald.

About 250 persons were present and the conclusion of the programme a dainty supper had been provided which was partaken of and thoroughly enjoyed, and every one was unanimous in saying that a very agreeable and pleasant evening had been spent.

POOL "PERSONAL."

A prominent citizen of Brandon dropped \$50 pool playing last week. Quite a "pocket" for the fat man.

Billy Henderson has sworn off pool-playing.

What a certain ink-dinger, and a disciple of the leather upon, both of Brandon, don't know about pool can't be told—at least they think so.

"Jim" McGregor is at Amherstburg, Ontario.

Mark Richards, well known in this vicinity as a periodical lunatic, is now confined in the asylum, London, Ontario.

Prof. Atkinson of Winnipeg, is teaching a dancing class in the Masonic block, this city, and is well patronized.

Mr. W. H. Hellar and lady, returned from their eastern trip on Monday. One would hardly have thought Mr. H. would have policy enough to encounter such a risk but he has—and now threatens death to bachelors.

A letter has been received from Mr. Wilson Vary re the Milford mail affair, which we are compelled to hold over until next week.

Mrs. Wilson & arrick, to make room for their increasing trade, have made a twenty-foot addition to their blacksmith and carriage works. Enterprise tells every time.

The Golden Lion speaks in a new advertisement this week. Mr. Bowden has one in each of his shops on Rosser Avenue, one of the best selected and largest stocks in the country.

A public meeting is called at Plum Creek, for the 23rd inst. at 3 p. m. for the purpose of organizing a company to be called the "Sons of Valley Joint Stock" with a view to carrying on ranching, etc., on an extensive scale.

The men of the Brandon fire brigade went in a body to ex Alderman Kavanagh's house on Tuesday night last, and presented him with a silver pitcher in token of their esteem and good will. Mr. Kavanagh, who was chairman of the fire, water and light committee last year, was very much surprised and affected at such an unlooked for present, and thanked the givers in a hearty manner, treating them to the best his house afforded.

As Mr. James Mann was going up the steps in the Mitchell elevator, on Tuesday morning his foot slipped, and on putting out his arm to save himself it was caught by an elevating hand and held. By a great effort he wrenches himself free, tearing a bucket off the hand in so doing. Mr. Mann's arm and hand were somewhat severely crushed.

A meeting of Grand Council, for the purpose of organizing a County Lodge, will be held in the Grand Hall in this city, on Tuesday the 9th of February, at 3 p. m. The second of the month is the proper day, but for special reasons it is to be held on the 9th, as the constitution provides. All interested will kindly attend, as of course, important business is to be transacted.

All theatre goers will be glad to learn that the Lyell Dramatic Company will visit Brandon next week. The Royal Roller Rink has been leased for four nights, commencing on Monday next, when the spectacular drama the "Lights of London" will be produced, followed on succeeding evenings by "The Galley Slave," "The World," and "The Shanghaun." The time will be made warm and comfortable for the occasion, and good arrangements have been made for seating. The Lyell Company have been playing to good houses in Winnipeg for a long time now, and the press notices in that city have been very flattering to the ability and talent of the various members. The scenery is said to be the best that money can procure.

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CURES RHEUMATISM
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Are pleasant to take. Contain their own Purgative. Is a safe, sure, and effectual destroyer of worms in Children or Adults.

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It is clear, to even the average reader of this country, that our provincial legislation is very unsatisfactory to the people. We have a revenue, for instance, of \$475,000 or more than two dollars per head of the population, and still scarcely a dollar can be got for the maintenance of schools, the drains in certain less deserving directions, being so important. In 1896, for instance, when Upper Canada had a population of about 25,000 people, it had no less than eight grammar schools to each of which the local government made an annual grant of \$500. Manitoba on the other hand has but three of these, and the government can see its way to give but to one—the favorite at Winnipeg, the least assistance is cut of its comparatively large revenue. But this, easily accounted for. At that time Upper Canada's annual outlay on parliamentary printing and stationery was but \$420, while our Local Legislature has to expend no less than \$15,000, and to employ two languages, for the sake of tickling the fancy of an ungrateful following. It is only necessary to add in this connection the entire revenue of Upper Canada did not exceed \$42,000, \$14,000 of which was made up directly, and the balance by revenues. With a revenue of less than \$1,000 per head, Upper Canada's high schools were supported by the government, while with an income of nearly \$3.00 per soul, the Manitoba Government can do nothing for its collegiate institutes. This ought to lead the people to think. One of the small revenue, too, the Upper Canada Parliament was able to vote \$8,000 for the opening of roads in the country, and the Manitoba Government can give scarcely as much out of its large revenues.

The Free Press: One of the greatest misfortunes that has yet overtaken this country was the recent visit to it of the Hon Thomas White, the new Minister of the Interior.

No; the greatest misfortune that ever overtook the country was the employment of a crank by the Grits to run a Norquay Grit paper at Winnipeg.

Because the country is endorsing the course of the government in the Riel case, the Free Press, to break the approval says: Sir John did not hang Riel. The Premier merely refrained from preventing the law from hanging the rebel leader.

Now, supposing Riel had, by any defect in the law, escaped the gallows, the responsibility would not be traced to the defect, by the Free Press, but placed upon the shoulders of the government. Of such is the consistency of the honest journalist of the Grit faith.

Mayor Smart and Mr. J. W. Sifton, the right and left bower of the Grit party in Brandon, took in the Grit picnic at Vinden last week, and, cut after kind, they had to denounce everything Tory. Even the Judicial Boards came in for a share of their indignation. What bothers us most is to account for the eagerness of Mayor Smart, to secure a seat at the Board and the itch of Mr. Sifton, to place him there, whether he (Sifton) has or has not a legal vote, to further that end. It is a curious way to get rid of evil by rushing madly into its arms.

Mr. Peterson, of Brandon, nominally the Sun newspaper, denounces Judge Travis at Calgary, for his course in the Cayley case, and Mr. Peterson, or at least the Calgary portion of him again signs a document with other Calgary people, to be forwarded to Ottawa and fully exonerating the Judge. Further comment is unnecessary.

THE BATTLE OF THE STURGEONS.

The opening of the game season is an eventful day throughout England, and most of the colonies, but more particularly in this North-West. Game being abundant and there being no pro-sports, the prairie offers a broad shooting ground where one may hunt at his own sweet will.

Late in the season large flocks of wild geese frequent the stubble fields, to feed and tatten upon the fallen grain.

Having seen several flocks tantalizingly near the city, it was a natural desire to attempt to secure some of them.

Two or three trips were made, but to no purpose, the birds always taking alarm before getting them in range. Baffled, but not deterred, a more systematic style of attack was determined upon.

Leaving the city in the small hours of the night armed with repeating rifle and double barreled guns together with other accessories indispensable to the sportsman, the stacks were reached to cover one self with straw was the work of but a few moments.

Thus equipped it required patience only, so we thought, to make a good day. Within a reasonable time, and while the damps and mists of the night were still settled in the valleys, a large flocking of wings was heard, and a subdued growling ran through the approaching birds. Alighting within what appeared short range, the double-barrel was let fly, and so were the geese.

Stung to madness at such non-success the Winchester was seized and trained upon the circling birds, but with the same effect. By this time the flock was fully aroused, and such a volume of air-splitting gobbling, probably was never exceeded on earth.

Whatever the vocalized efforts of the

Roman Geese (whereby the city was saved) may have been, in order to realize the full vocabulary and histrionic power of the goose it is necessary to attack him in person.

Southward they took their circling flight, while on foot the retreating birds were followed, and a dense fog fire kept up in the vain attempt to bring one down. The pursuit lasted for some time, when torn with scrub and bleeding from spear grass, out of breath and covered with perspiration, I threw myself at full length upon a promontory, which overlooked a beautiful lake. The birds paused instinctively in their flight and seemed as if about to alight upon its bosom; suddenly a booming sound was audible, similar to that heard upon the sea shore and the great lakes. Knowing that this I have presaged a storm, I glanced at the sky and horizon. I was scanned for signals. The uncertain light that precedes the day still enveloped the landscape, then burst upon the ear with lightning rapidity and as the crashing of thunderbolts a conflict so terrific and terrible that all nature seemed subdued in its presence!

Every portion of the lake was covered with strange aquatic monsters, hurrying and scurrying to her and thither like diving squids, companies and battalions of Sturgeons were massed upon each other, and to the onlooker from such a vantage point as the promontory, two or three hundred to which side victory would incline. Upon the south side of the lake was stationed the army of occupation, the description upon whose standard, which was afterwards translated, being literally "For God and Sir John!!"

The attacking army was urged to battle by numerous and evidently conflicting interests, and while the leaders were not without ability, the various tribes or clans, were with the utmost difficulty held in restraint and often menaced each other.

The conflict was maintained from early morn, until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, with equal stubbornness.

The army in rebellion, or the military chief, had issued letters of marque to a small piratical tribe, displaying a standard with the letters F. U. F. surmounted by an enormous P!!

This division deeming this a lost cause were making off with the baggage of their allies, when in order to intercept them a regiment was dispatched, which so weak ended the centre, and threw their line into such disorder, and being instantly perceived by the opposing commander, a charge was made all along the line, which culminated in a complete rout and terrible slaughter ensued. The P. party were slain to a sturgeon. The main body in rebellion was accorded the honors of war, upon the solemn promise that they would never enter the lake again, and depart by the secret passage by which admission was gained.

The slain were decently interred in the littoral, after which the victorious sturgeons descended to their native depths.

Silence now reigned supreme, and, being exhausted by the unusual exertion of the day, I sank into a profound and deep sleep, from which I was awakened by a pure and beautiful soprano of unsurpassed timbre chanting a boat-song to the sweet lullaby of "Rock-a-bye-baby". The following is the song, being a free translation from the Italian:—

Our backs afloat on the purling stream,
We start at the gray of morn;
We care not for the tide, nor the wind if it be keen,
The fears of the weak we scorn.

All is quiet and hushed in sleep,
Save our bark as it glides along;
The fog and the mist envelope the deep,
While we offer our morning song.

We've prepared ourselves, for the morning's sail,
We've the tackle, the fish on our way to take;
Oh! What can we ask for more.

We've reached the bay where the wild fowl is,
Our bark we moored in the lake;
Who wouldn't for us the sluggish fish drag,
For a morning like this on river or lake?

The scene is changed, as the sun rolls in view,
From beneath our feet the sky;
The bay and fog from their cups shake the dew,
While the wind through the rigging sighs.

The water lily springs from her lovely nest,
The lily's cry is heard;
The fish leap out from their watery nest,
At the approach of the Edler bird.

The black bird hastens with chatter along
To the heels of the dove;
And for its morning meal pays tribute in song,
As the loons in their gambols die.

We've traquet enough gone from morning's sport,
The wind springs up from the west;
We creep on our hands, and are soon in rest,
To meet our neighbors arising from rest.

As the song ceased and the orb of day was sinking to his western bed, the shanting shafts illumined the recesses of the dense forest at the eastern end of the lake, revealing a swarthy and strongly attired male who was evidently a disciple of Tullio-talin.

Derisively responsive he bellowed a strange jargon, which can best be conveyed by quoting a learned and gifted author, the tone of which was like that of some rapscallions who officiate in choirs, being a compromise of the shriekings of an ungoverned wheel in a temperature of 40° below, and the battle or war cry of the male Shaganappi when engaged in combat.

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Started and amazed I sprang to my feet and fled from the spot, and was recalled to every day life by the vociferations of a waggoneer whose oxen were stuck in a slough. To the familiar "Go!" and "Haw!" he added such other expletives as induced increased merriment on the part of the cattle, and reaching McCandlish's, where, after partaking of a hearty meal, and it being lodge night, "Bill" gave me a lift in town. It is hardly necessary to add that the only gun secured, was, to use a Darwinianism a differentiated species of prairie chicken known as "Tappit Hen."

Since writing the above and having ascertained the name of the lake to be, Clement, having neither time or space, must decline going into a philological discussion, which must be left to time and the investigations of the learned. I also discover that the owners of the property upon which the lake is situated are principally Italians, such as Benotti and Hoopi. The latter Hoopi, I learned from a distinguished forger and linguist called "Rob" who masterfully manages in the absence of the genial proprietor of the "Grand View," who pronounces it "Mikki Hoopi." Thus by a

VITAL QUESTIONS.

CHAPTER I.

Ask any or all of the most eminent physicians: "What is the best and only remedy that can be relied on to cure all diseases of the kidneys and urinary organs; such as Bright's disease, diabetes, retention or inability to retain urine, and all the diseases of a chronic nature to women?"

Ask the same physicians: "What is the most reliable and surest cure for all liver diseases or dyspepsia; constipation, indigestion, biliousness, malaria, fever, ague, &c.," and they will tell you:

"Mandrake or Doan's Kidney Pills!"

Now, when these remedies are combined with others equally valuable, and compounded into Hop Bitters, such a wonderful and mysterious curative power is developed, which is so varied in its operations that no disease of health can possibly exist or resist its power, and yet it is:

Harmless for the most frail and weak, weakest invalid or smallest child to use.

CHAPTER II.

"Alone, dead or nearly dying?" For years, and given up by physicians of Bright's and other kidney diseases, liver complaints, severe rheumatism, consumption, have been cured.

"From agony of neuralgia, nervousness, wakefulness and other diseases peculiar to women."

People drawn out of shape by excruciating pains of rheumatism, inflammatory and chronic, or suffering from scurvy.

Salt rheum, blood poisoning, dyspepsia, indigestion and in fact almost all diseases fail.

Nature is here to have been cured by Hop Bitters, proof of which can be found in every neighborhood in the known world.

None genuine without a bunch of hops on the white label. Show all the vile, unsuited stuff with "Hop" or "Bitters" in their name.

circumlocutory argument, we have Sour, Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama (See Ingot, Mar, Medici, Wasti, Shaganappi, Clement).

Yours truly,
Ragoon.

CITY COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting of the Council was held last Monday night.

Mayor Smart in the chair, and all the Aldermen were present excepting Ald. Hanbury.

The Board of Works presented a report passing the Main account, and the finance committee recommended that the sum of \$75 be allowed D. A. McMillan for extra services during 1885. Ald. Bucke objected to this, and made a motion to the contrary, but the proposal of the committee was passed.

The standing committee were each requested to bring in estimates of expenses for the current year at the next council meeting.

It was resolved that posters be printed on the weigh scales that people might know they were there for use, and coal might be weighed free of any charge.

ASSESSOR.

Applications were read for the office of assessor, and the names of A. Heddon, Smith, Starr, Lockhart, Powers, Winter, Patterson and Ma'Gee were submitted. On the first vote the three last named only were left in the field, and on the second ballot F. Patterson was elected to the office of assessor.

On motion the by-law confirming the appointment was read and carried over in due order, and the by-law appointing city solicitor.

A majority of the Aldermen seemed very much indisposed to continue business, and after the first motion for adjournment had failed to carry, a few minutes afterwards a new motion to adjourn was made and carried, and council broke up about 2 p. m.

The local Grit print has gone into ecstasies of delight over the attendance of Grits at a meeting of the faithful in this city last week; but to use a vulgarism, it would make its head swim to have seen the attendance of Conservatives at the meeting on Thursday evening. There were numbers there whose politics were known to but to few before, and very enthusiastic in their efforts for the success of the Conservative cause. There were many present whose names were enrolled by tickets a few days before, fully determined to support the principles that have led to the development of the country, when the proper time arrives. At the meeting sub-committees were appointed that have since done some excellent work, and will continue in the harness until the lists are fully completed.

As we intimated before names will be received by the Revising Officer Judge Wall, or up to the revision of the list, as provided by statute, some months hence; but in the meantime our friends should see no time lost. We published in our last issue the qualifications required under the Franchise Act, and blanks will be furnished local organizations by applying to the Editor of this paper. We might as well add that this work can best be done by local organizations. Where there are none formed they should be at once, and if assistance is required from the city arrangements will be made for it by corresponding with the Editor of the Mail.

It is secretly whispered that J. J. Hill, president of the Manitoba Railway Company, has furnished the franchise of the Grand Forks, Crookston & Lake Superior Railway Company, and the line the Manitoba Company intends building from Crookston to Duluth will be built on this charter. The Grand Forks, Crookston & Lake Superior Railway Company was organized with a capital of \$2,000,000 Jan. 12th 1884, by Crookston and Grand Forks parties to construct, equip and operate a main line of road from the west bank of the Red River in Park County by the way of Crookston to Lake Superior, with a branch of said road to communicate in range 44 and run in a south-westerly direction to a point on the west bank of the Red River in Norman County.

A CARD.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of muscular power, I will send a receipt that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. The great remedy was discovered by Dr. J. C. Jackson, New York. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. J. C. Jackson, Station 10, New York City.

WANTED!

For the City of Brandon. Applications for the office of Chief of Police up to Feb. 1st, 1886.



New Grocery Store!

GEO. CRAIG & CO.

NEW BOOT & SHOE STORE!

Geo. Craig & Co.

New Clothing,

GEO. CRAIG & CO.

Dry Goods Store!

Geo. Craig & Co.

Our December Sales double those of November. Large stock, desirable goods---at excellent value---one price to all.

With strict personal attention to to business, have very largely to do with our great success.

We mean business---have come here to do business. Call and see present rushing but prices of great many goods.

Geo. Craig & Co.

FARMERS' UNION.

Meeting of Brandon Branch.

A meeting of the Brandon Branch of the Farmers' Union was held in the City Hall on Saturday last. The attendance was somewhat small, not more than 15 persons being present, among whom were Messrs Clifford Sifton, Bailey, Dr. Fleming, A. J. McMillan, Vanasse, Gray, Stewart, Robinson, Brown, of Chateaufort, and ex-soldier Johnstone.

Mr. Johnstone was called to the chair, and after the usual opening of prayer was dispensed with. Under the order of communications, the letter of Mr. J. W. Vanasse was read, to the effect that the people of the branch

Mr. Vanasse being called upon to state the reasons leading him to resign, said he very much regretted being compelled to take the step, but after the resolution of the Board of Directors in Winnipeg, and the action of the Farmers' Union, he felt bound to do so. He stated that the evidence which he had brought before the directors, and which was of such a nature as to have prevented all thought of passing such a resolution, but which was after all well summed up by a Winnipeg newspaper as "Not guilty, but don't do it again." He (Vanasse) had gone to the convention with the view of reporting on a private meeting of directors certain promises made by Purvis to members in Brandon as to the good prices to be realized from their wheat by turning it into flour, and allowing him to sell it, which promises he had failed to carry out, and on the faith of which members had placed wheat in Vanasse's hands. Purvis had told him and members in Brandon that if they would flour their wheat, he would sell it for them at \$2.10 per sack, and thus return a handsome profit to farmers.

This was done, and the general manager said that as soon as flour was shipped, the branch could draw at rate of \$1.50 per sack. Well, after a while Purvis said that he would draw at rate of \$1.40 per sack, and from that it was dropped to \$1.35, then to \$1.15, then not to draw at all, and that the flour was not so good as sample. The result of this was that at the present time a great deal of the flour made was unsold in Montreal, and the branch is not able to draw any money at all. Now, he found out a short time after Purvis made these statements that flour made from the best possible flour was being sold in Brandon at \$1.80 per sack, and Purvis must have known he was misleading members and making false statements. Mr. Purvis also had made a charge as to Mr. Vanasse's mixing an inferior wheat with the better wheat of the Union, but he had the affidavit of Mr. Vanasse, and Mr. Alexander, Kelly & Co., to the effect that the mixing which happened was only to a small extent, that the blame was not at the door of the mill men, and further that Vanasse's wheat would make every bit as good flour as the Union wheat. However, when he got to Winnipeg and the agreement between Purvis and McLean made public he felt the time was come to speak out, which he did, and however the directors could have condoned Purvis's conduct as they did not understand, and he would not be a party to it in any way or form, and although since the resignation of Purvis he did not desire to sever his connection with the Union entirely, he felt he must publicly announce his disapproval of the conduct of the directors.

Mr. Brown, of Chateaufort, said he was one of the directors who passed the resolution in question, and considered that they did quite right with the evidence against Purvis then before them, and he believed most of his brother directors thought so too. They thought it better to avoid washing dirty linen in public, and fully expected to drop Purvis quietly at their next annual meeting, but since he had resigned that disposed of Mr. Vanasse's chief reason for resigning the branch presidency, and asked him to resign his position.

Mr. Vanasse replied that it did not altogether, for he could not and would not support that resolution, and on being asked what he was in the new light of things open to him as local president, but that he should consider such a resolution as equal to a vote of censure on the board of directors.

Messrs Bailey and Brown not liking this, defended themselves as well as they were able, and other members also dissenting, and after a lot of explanation on all sides Mr. Vanasse's resignation was accepted. He was unanimously re-elected, it being understood that censure on the directors was not implied.

A long discussion followed on the revision of the constitution, and various changes were suggested, and delegates being elected to the annual meeting to be held in Winnipeg, they adjourned to vote for the separation of the commercial business of the Union from the political. The meeting then dissolved.

A PAROLED CONVICT.

Oliver S. Judler Released by the New Minister of Justice.

On the last day of 1885 the penitentiary was opened and Mark R. Lanier, of the United States, was released. He has served nearly ten years. A petition, from Belleville, on which the Minister of Justice had to rely, that his official must have overlooked the seriousness of the prisoner's offences, less he would not have allowed the convict to escape a meek of his well-merited punishment. Here is his history in brief.

Lanier was one of the most expert criminals known in America, having operated all the way from San Francisco to Boston. In December, 1870, he was arrested in Buffalo for obtaining money under false pretences. This was settled, and after he was tried at Cleveland, at Detroit he gave bail and skipped. Next he was arrested in Ottawa. He settled the case and was taken to London to answer another charge. He jumped the train and escaped, but on Feb. 17, 1877, he was re-arrested at Belleville on the London charge, and of obtaining \$75 from Mr. McCallum, a druggist upon the old track of drawing from the house for travelling expenses. This charge was settled, and though convicted some more months sentence. In Lansing Mich. July, 1878, as Robert Du-

gal, he sold goods and induced the merchant to endorse his draft for \$75. He was arrested and while handcuffed to the officer he quickly slipped the cuff and left for Canada. He was again arrested at Naperville, Ill. This he settled. In October, 1879, in Simcoe, he represented himself as R. C. Jamieson, Montreal, sold goods, got a draft of \$50 for travelling expenses and clearly victimized the carriage men. Again in 1879, for condensing a Woodstock merchant, the one Lanier smelted danger, took to New York State, and then settled upon his own terms. On 20th Nov. 1880, while the police force of St. Paul, Minn., was endeavoring to effect his arrest, he escaped. He was again heard of at Fort Atkins and Racine, Wisconsin. On Feb. 9th, 1883, he was arrested in Belleville upon a warrant issued in Almonte. This matter was settled.

On May 1st, 1879, under the name of G. G. Wright, traveller for Baylis, Wilkes & Co., Montreal, he called upon I. N. Morrison, Aymler, and sold him goods. Wright got \$50 for travelling expenses on a forged draft. On January 11th, 1884, he was arrested in Belleville. He was wanted in Simcoe, and a Morrison's family were ill, the Aymler gentleman could not prosecute. The Simcoe gentleman took him in hand, and he was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. At Kingston in October, 1884, Morrison had a indictment laid against Lanier. He pleaded "guilty" and received a sentence of three years and one month, the sentence to run concurrently with that he was serving. He represented himself as travelling for R. Colgate & Co., New York, white lead and linseed oil; Joseph A. Koppelman, New York, varnish dealer; Murphy & Co., Newark, N. J. varnish manufacturer; Baylis, Wilkes & Co., paint and varnishes, Montreal; R. Samson, Montreal, and a number of others. He had aliases without number, Wright, Munro, Dugal and Spicer being among the number.

EARTHQUAKE HORRORS.

New York, Jan. 13.—Mail advices from Panama of the 5th inst. contain the following: At two o'clock on the morning of December 18, the Spanish city of Amatlán, a town of 5,000 inhabitants, situated twenty-five miles south of Guatemala, was awakened by frequent shocks of earthquake, which continued all day until 5:22 p.m., when a very heavy shock was felt, and at 5:36 the heaviest shock came, throwing down many walls and houses, already fissured by the early shocks. People were thrown down and the air was filled with dust from the fallen houses. Shook followed upon shock, and the frightened people rushed to the large plaza in front of the church of San Juan and dragged the image of

THEIR GUARDIAN SAINTS. Outside the trembling walls of the church and erected a temporary shrine in the middle of the square before which all prostrated themselves. One hundred and thirty-one shocks were felt the first day, principally from east to west, 81 of which occurred between 4 and 5:36 p.m. The second day was nearly as bad. The shock continued some days subsequently. Amatlán was destroyed by earthquakes in 1839, which lasted from April 12 to May 2. In 1846 it was overthrown by too strong water of the lake, and again in October, 1852, when water gushed upon the middle street. Eight days afterwards when the water subsided dead fish were found everywhere. The water became unfit to drink, and many persons died of fever. Then again it was destroyed by earthquakes in 1862.

LAKE AMATILÁN. It is supposed to be the crater of an extinct volcano. An adjacent volcano, until recently quiet, seems to be seeking a new outlet through a hill lying back of the inactive volcano of Pezayan. The volcanoes of Fuego, in Guatemala, and Guatuzala, in Salvador, not far away, which have long served as the safety valves of those restless regions, seem to have become stopped up, causing much alarm to the people of Salvador, who say there was a precisely similar occurrence before their last great earthquake in 1873. Guayaquil, Jan. 14.—Serious volcanic disturbances have occurred within the last few days. There has been at different places showers of earth and ashes accompanied by loud rumblings. The Cotopaxi volcano is supposed to be in eruption.

PROVINCIAL.

A man in a Bartlett in search of a band of forty-five horses recently stolen from Medicine Hat. They were tracked some distance north.

MR. GEORGE H. HAM, of Winnipeg, was a passenger on Wednesday's train to Lethbridge. Mr. Ham is an old newspaper man, and at present represents the Toronto Mail. He is here for the purpose of visiting the Blood and Blackfoot agencies, and finding out if possible all about the Indian grievances and the talk of uprising.

A beautifully cut and well-chiseled tablet will be placed on the west gable of the English Church, with the following inscription: "The bell of this church was presented by the officers and men of E. Division of the N.W.M.P. in memory of Corp. W. H. T. Lowery, who died May 3rd, 1885, and 27 years, four wounds received in the action at Oak Riddle Hill. The corps east of both valley and tablet will not be less than \$125, the whole of which has been contributed by the police."

MR. A. B. McDONALD, late C. P. R. store-keeper at Farwell, has secured a lease in the vicinity of High River, which he will stock with cattle in the spring. We understand a strong company has been organized, among whom we have heard the name of our old friend Luke Macdonald. Mr. W. F. Brown has also secured a lease near Riverton on the C.P.R., on which he will place cattle next season.

BRANESVILLE, MINN., Jan. 13.—The Times of last Friday contained the following: It is reported that one Dr. Butcher who has been living in Branesville for some time is badly wanted in Medicine Hat; also Miss McNab, who is with him. Branesville Winnipeg, it is said, would like to interview him. From later alluded to was practising medicine in Medicine Hat in the Northwest territory, and induced Mrs. McNab, the

woman who is with him, to elope. They have been living in Branesville for two or three months as man and wife, part of the time boarding at the Central hotel, and later renting rooms and keeping house. A letter from Medicine Hat states that the woman left her husband and three children. They claimed to have come direct from Dublin, Ireland, here, and consequently have been treated with respect. The man Butcher was, according to letters received here, discharged from the position of surgeon on a western division of the Canadian Pacific, and also was expelled from Regina at the point of a pistol for a man scrap, and barely escaped a coat of tar and feathers at Medicine Hat; it is also stated that he was wanted at Winnipeg for entrapping a woman into a marriage. The proprietor of one of the hotels here holds some of their jewelry for an unpaid board bill.

BELLEVILLE, Jan. 13.—A man named Robert Watson was drowned at Chatham's mill in Tynesburg, to day.

KINGSTON, Jan. 13. Two of the gipsy children who were found huddled in the snow, and whose parents abandoned them, have died of scarlet fever.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Thos. Pambly, a laborer, aged 75, from Van. McIlvay, farmer, of Westminister, for the abduction of his 14-year-old daughter, who died giving birth to the child.

Deaths have been recorded in London of the death in Dakota of George Metable who was tried here a year ago for the murder of his wife and acquittal. He had been tried previously at the trial for the murder of another wife, but escaped there also. He married his fifth wife in Dakota and she recently observed him slyly put something in her tea at breakfast time. Watching her chance she changed the cups and Metable got the dose himself. Realizing his position, he, it is alleged, confessed having murdered his four previous wives and soon after died a terrible death.

The C. P. R. authorities will shortly adopt as their official time, the twenty-four o'clock system; that is, instead of the day being divided into two divisions of twelve hours each, the figures on the clock will run from one to twenty-four. This system will go into effect as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, and was decided upon some time ago, Mr. S. Fleming being the prime mover in the matter.

A very pleasant social came off last Friday at Mr. Robinson's about eight miles south of Oak Lake, and notwithstanding that the night was cold a large number turned out. Mr. P. Sutherland supplied excellent music and the dance was kept up until well on in the morning, with the exception of an interval for supper, which was served up in good style by the worthy host and hostess.

One of these happy events which sometimes happen to make life pleasant, took place after the nomination in Woodworth, when an address was presented to Mrs. Helliwell accompanied by a handsome silver cake basket, in token of her kindness to the Council and officials during the year. The address was very complimentary both to Mrs. and Reeve Helliwell.

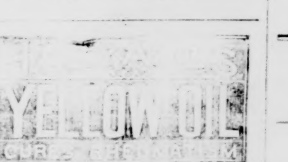
FARMERS' MARKETS.

The local trade in grain this week has not been very large, in part no doubt owing to the cold weather which prevails just now. Good unfrozen wheat remains unchanged in price, and frozen is still somewhat slow of sale. Oats are firm at late rates, with an inclination to rise. Produce of all kinds is coming in only slowly. No change is quoted in the meat market. Hay and wood is selling in fair quantities.

Wheat, No 1 per bus.	60 to 68
Wheat, frozen	20 to 45
Oats, feed	17 to 18
Oats, milling	18 to 20
Barley	20 to 30
Beef, per 100 lbs. per lb.	5 to 6
Pork	4 to 12
Hides	4 to 12
Chickens, full supply	7 to 9
Eggs, per doz.	0 to 20
Butter, fresh	18 to 20
Potatoes, per bushel	25 to 40
Hay, per ton, nominal	4 to 5
Wood, per load	3 to 4

Drunkennes, or the Liquor Habit, can be cured by Administrator Dr. Haines' Golden Specific.

It can be given in a cup of coffee or tea without the knowledge of the person taking it. It cures a general ailment, such as the following: A moderate drinker or an alcoholic wretchedness of the body, and a general debility. Thousands of drunkards have been made sane persons who have taken the Golden Specific in this way without their knowledge, and to-day believe quit, rinking of their own free will. No harmful effects result from its administration. Cures guaranteed. 32 officers and testimonials sent free. Address: GOLDEN-SPECIFIC, 8, Place St. Catharines.



REFERMAN'S WORM POWDERS.

Are pleasant to take. Contains their own purgative, is a safe, sure, and effective destroyer of worms in Children or Adults.

ARREARS OF TAXES.

Municipality of Elton.

All parties interested, take notice that the Judicial District Court have been ordered to sell all lands of the above Municipality remaining in arrears of taxes, on the

1st day of April, 1886.

M. G. ALBEE, Sec. Treas., Chateaufort.

Wanted!

A good general servant. Apply to Mrs. F. H. Haines, corner Pacific Ave. and 1st street.

Special Attention!

Is directed to the

NEW LINES OF GOODS

And Special Bargains at

CHEAPSIDE

We have just received

20 dozen BRUSHES Celebrated Coiled Wire

CORSETS,

the most popular selling corset in the Dominion, which we are selling at \$1 per pair. Also a full range of Brushes

NURSING CORSETS,

at \$1.25 per pair. Misses' Corsets, all sizes, good goods, \$1 pair. 50 Pieces more New Dress Goods, bought at a bargain, comprising all the newest shades and fabrics at very low prices. Full lines of black and colored Velveteens, very cheap. 100 Gross New Dress Buttons by far the finest range ever shown in Brandon. 25 Pieces Grey and Plaid flannels at 20, 25 & 30 cents per yard. Grey Cotton from 4 cents up. White cotton from 8c up. Table Linens, Tiekings Towels &c. 25 doz heavy all wool underwear \$1.25 per suit. Chamois underwear, Cardigan Jackets, Top Shirts and all kinds of

Gents' Furnishings

at finest prices. Special bargains in Ready-Made Clothing, Cloth and Fur overcoats, Mantles and Shawls, Fur, Caps, Mitts, Gloves &c.

Our Boot & Shoe Stock

Is one of the largest and finest in the city, and will always be found complete in every line, and as we buy direct from the Manufacturers in every case, we feel confident that we can give you better goods, at a lower price than most other houses in the trade

Full lines of Moccasins, Felt Boots, Slippers and over-shoes

GROCERIES

of all kinds very cheap and none but good fresh goods kept in stock.

Business with us for the past three months has been one continual rush. This is the way we wish to have it, and in order to do so, we will continue to give all as good or better bargains than we have in the past.

Come One and All to the Largest and Best store in the city and buy your goods cheap for cash.

ATKINSON & NATION,

Cheapside Block, Cor. Rosser Av. & 8th St.

NOTICE!

ROSE & CO.

Having bought out the Drug Stock of the late firm of

Leask & Rose.

We are carrying on business in the

New Store, next door to Imperial Bank.

Physicians Prescriptions, Veterinary and Family receipts carefully made up. A full line of

DRUGS,

Leading Patent Medicines, Perfumery and Toilet Articles constantly on hand.

A Competent Dispenser in the Store, DAY & NIGHT.

ROSE & CO., Chemists and Druggists, Av., Brandon.

now, Jan. 13, Rev. Father Lacombe, alary at present in the city, has re- letters from the cure of St. Laurent making that many of the half-breeds in that district are bordering on starvation and that an effort be made to render immediate assistance. Yesterday the gentleman interviewed several mem- of the Government with reference to matter, and it is understood that he

tion, Bronchitis, C.orrh, asthma, and all cat and Lung Affections, also a positive aid to cure for me was debility and all nervous complaints after having tested its wonderful taste powers in thousands of cases, has felt it safe to make it known to the suffering. I have no selfish ends in view, and desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, all who desire it, this recipe. In German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing a station, naming this paper. W. A. Noyes, Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

WILSON & CARRICK.
N. B.—Wood work done with neatness and
scratch.

THE RAILROAD TIMEKEEPER.
Agent for W. MOHAMPS SHOW CASES.
Personal supervision to all REPAIRING, and satisfaction guaranteed.
ROSSER AVENUE. BRANDON.

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ROCKFORD WATCH,

NOW IS THE TIME!

To secure the Greatest Bargains in Ready-Made Clothing and Gents' Furnishings ever offered to the Public of Manitoba, with valuable presents thrown in.

THE GOLDEN LION CLOTHING STORE.

OR

BEAVER HALL CLOTHING STORE.

Are the only establishments in this city where a regular Clothing and Gents' Furnishing business is conducted. In order to clear out the balance of my stock of winter clothing and Gents' Furnishings, I shall offer such inducements as has yet never been offered in this or any other city for the next two weeks before taking stock.

Any person buying \$5 worth of goods, will receive a nice Silk Handkerchief as a present. \$10 worth of Clothing and Furnishings sold, will secure a very handsome cloak. Any purchaser getting a \$15 suit or a \$15 Fur Coat or Gents' Furnishings to that amount, will be presented with a good Fur Cap.

Remember this offer is only open for a few weeks before going east to purchase spring goods. Presents given on all goods excepting Furs. Still a good stock of buffalo, Coon and China Goat Coats and Robes on hand. Do not fail to secure those presents before they are all gone.

GEO. BAWDEN, the only Clothier.

TOWN TOPICS

Alfred Ashdown, hardware merchant, of Winnipeg, will shortly open a branch store at Cherry Creek.

A meeting of farmers was held at Birtle a week ago, with a view to preliminary steps being taken to establish a cheese factory.

Mrs. W. J. Helliwell, of Ralston, was made the recipient of a very handsome present the other day, by her friends in that vicinity.

Our readers should see that their names are on the voters' list. The time in which applications to be placed on the new list may be received expires is advancing.

There will be a meeting of Conservatives at Plum Creek on the 28th inst., for purpose of organizing, and preparing for the fray, whenever it may be brought about.

Gideon Cooper was charged with being a vagrant, and having no visible means of support. He pleaded guilty, and was ordered to come up for judgment on the 20th.

The Bishop of Rupert's Land inducted the Rev. E. P. Fowling to the rectory of St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday morning last. There were good congregations to hear the bishop at both morning and evening services.

Mrs. McKivor met with an awkward and painful accident. She was hurrying down stairs with one of the children thinking they might get burned, when she fell and cut herself on the chin and face pretty badly, and received a severe shock to the system.

The McLaurin & Edgar elevator opened up again on Wednesday last, and are now buying on the market. The new machinery they have put into work consists of an 18 horse-power boiler and engine, made by Worswick, of Guelph, and is of the best class with all the latest improvements.

Now is the right time to look into school business and see that your trustees have managed affairs in the most economical and proper manner. The annual meeting as appointed by law, takes place on the 1st Monday in February.

On Tuesday a flock of sheep numbering one hundred were brought into Birtle, in charge of Mr. Riddle and an assistant. The sheep are for the Indians on the Sioux Reserve, at the mouth of the Bird Tail. With the exception of one or two the animals are in fine condition, of good build and carrying fine long wool.

The night school which is held in the school house on tenth street is, we understand, quite a success. All the students, among whom are some of our business men, speak in the most favorable terms of Mr. Lamont's system of teaching Book-keeping and Commercial correspondence.

The Turtle Mountain people from near the boundary line were in the city last week in full force with wheat. In conversation with some of them it was stated that better weight was given for grain at Plum Creek than at Brandon, and one farmer stated that he sold his load here for 8 cents per bushel less than he had been getting at "The Creek."

Citizens did not seem greatly interested in the financial committee of the Brandon No. 1 Agricultural Society, judging from the attendance at the City Hall on Thursday evening last. In response to the notice calling the meeting about a dozen persons showed up, but no meeting was held.

The Bachelors of Brandon gave a dance in the Masonic Block last Wednesday evening, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Professor Atchison and his wife, of Winnipeg, were present, the first named playing the violin and acting as M.C. while the lady presided at the pianoforte. Between thirty and forty couples were present.

Mr. McDonald, a brother of Mr. Martin McDonald, registrar, arrived in the city on Wednesday, from his residence in Nova Scotia. From the piles of snow he saw on the sides of the railway back of Lake Superior, he had concluded the Indians of Manitoba were forced to "leave up" during the winter season. He is, however, now much surprised at our fine weather and the active appearance of the country.

Fire. — Last Wednesday night the farmhouse and furniture of Mrs. Drew was completely destroyed by fire. The farm is situated just across the river from the city, and many Brandoners saw the flames but thought it only a straw stack burning. The fire is supposed to have originated through a defective stove pipe. It occurred about six o'clock in the evening, and the family got out without much difficulty, saving nothing except the clothes they were wearing at the time. They are now staying at the Farmers' Home.

Billiards and pool playing were not indulged in to a very great extent by our forefathers, for the good and sufficient reason that the game was but little known. The rising generation in Brandon seem determined to make up for this. Young lads may be seen practising the game wherever a table is not being used by their elders. This should not be, and the attention of those who have the power to stop it is called to the fact. Boys do not learn much that is useful, rather to the contrary, in billiard rooms.

Our city is likely in a very short time from now, to feel the effects of remaining passive in railway matters. Mr. Morton, of Morton Dairy Farm "Inc.", has built a flat warehouse at Cherry Creek, the present terminus of the C.P.R. Southwestern, and commenced to buy grain on Monday last. The country round is well settled and the farmers there have been driven to Brandon, necessitating being out from home at least three miles, which means quite an expensive trip. Many of them will now drive to Cherry Creek, and even should they not get quite so much money for their wheat as in Brandon they

will have much less to pay out to stopping houses and livings, and on this account it will soon be a rarity to see farmers from that section in Brandon. Citizens and merchants here should be up and doing their best to help forward the proposed railway lines which are to have their centres in Brandon.

The Torrens system of land transfer may have some features to recommend its introduction in this country, but if it has all we have to say is they are really not practical. By this system the management of the system. In the first place the whole business is monopolized at Winnipeg, instead of allowing agencies at all the principal centres of the country. When the Bill was before the House, the public were told the Act in operation would prove a boon to them, and now it appears to be a boon to no one excepting Mr. J. A. Miller, the manipulator in chief and his associates. The other day a farmer in this vicinity, applied to a Brandon law firm for a small loan on his farm, and when it was received there was attached a bill of some \$42 for expenses, \$15 of which was eaten up in Mr. Miller's office in Winnipeg. From present indications, the main object of the legislation of the Local Government is to give good offices to officials at Winnipeg, and this to a large extent must remain the case so long as the representation in Parliament is made up as at present, ten members of the House from one-third of the number either residing in or having their principal interests in Winnipeg.

The fire-fund seems to have been a little lively in our locality of late. Last week Mrs. Drew was burnt out, Mr. McKivor's house narrowly escaped destruction with its contents. The firemen were called out, but beyond burning some window blinds, and a trunk, and damaging the casing of the windows, little harm was done. Now the Royal Hotel comes in for a share of attention. About two o'clock on Thursday morning the guests were startled started by a strong smell of burning paint and at once got up to ascertain the cause. They found the floor of the dining room on fire in several places as also the door leading to the kitchen blazing away. The speedy application of a few pails of water made things safe again, and it has since transpired that a rack of linen had been placed to air near the coal stove. When the girls retired it was all right and safe. Something, it is supposed, perhaps a cat, knocked the clothes rack over onto the stove, and thus the fire arose. Anyhow, the clothes were burnt, a small hole burnt through the floor, and damage was done to a door. It was only by a fluke that the fire was discovered in time to prevent the flames spreading. As it happened "all's well that ends well."

We have been treated to a little piece of diplomacy by Rev. Mr. Hall, of Whitehead, we never before met with in a newspaper experience of 15 years. At the first of the month we sent out "private circulars" to the Secy-Treasurers of all the municipalities of the West, quoting prices for municipal work, and we sent one to Mr. Armstrong, Clerk of Whitehead. As we enjoined privacy upon the clerks we felt fully assured the contents of these circulars would be kept private. It remained,

however, for the Whitehead Council to violate this trust, and make public property of the private circulars, to copy the contents of this circular and offer the work to the Brandon Girl print, if it would do it at our figures. Although the statutes provide for competition on municipal printing, Rev. Mr. Hall has since informed the Editor, it was the intention of his council to have given the printing to the Sun this year, as the MAIL had it last year. This is one way to carry out the spirit of the statute. If, however, he and his had decided on going according to their interpretation of the law, the only wonder is they had the cheek to make use of our private figures to enable them to carry out their design, in a manner they fancy will be pleasing to their constituents. This brings us to one conclusion, and that is, as long as the present "managers" are at the head of affairs in Whitehead, they need never again look for competition from this office. We spoke to Mr. Armstrong subsequently about our treatment, and he concludes with himself, it is very shabby to say the least of it. We are much obliged to the members of the Council and Mr. Armstrong, who made an effort to see justice done, but, of course, they had to go first to the wish of the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, the majority. It is not a bad trick for a gentleman to favor his party organ, who in the presence of Tories always refuses to be called a Grit.

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